PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: MOLECULAR SIZE MARKERS FOR SPECIES IDENTIFICATION OF

MYCOBACTERIAE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: March 18, 2005

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as shown on the following pages: